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# Historic Hills Corridor responds to Governor's initiative

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In response to an initiative set forth by Governor Vilsack, the Historic Hills Advisory Committee delivered an invitation to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to illustrate their desire to participate in Iowa Great Places.

Community Development Planner, John McCurdy, who oversees the Historic Hills Corridor project, says the hope is that the Historic Hills Corridor will be one of the three great places chosen from the substantial number of invitations the state anticipates it will receive.

The program, which is designed to assist three great places complete their project goals, is segmented into three steps, with the first two steps already completed by the Historic Hills Advisory Committee:

**Step one:** Attend one of several forums held throughout the state to learn more about the initiative. Historic Hills Corridor representa-

tives participated in a forum held in Pella.

**Step two:** Submit an invitation to participate in Iowa Great Places.

**Step three:** Work with the coaching team that the state assigns to assist in preparing for the official presentation to be made in

September.

**Step four:** A citizen's advisory council appointed by Governor Vilsack will serve as the selection committee to determine which three projects will receive the nod for further help from the state.

The Historic Hills Advisory Committee is hopeful that they will be one of the three selected places as it has worked together as a region for the past three to four years, which places it in a high state of readiness.

For more information regarding Great Iowa Places, contact John McCurdy at Chariton Valley Planning and Development, 641-437-4359.